

PORT AND HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 24, 2011

Session 11-08, a Regular Meeting of the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Ulmer at 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2011 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS CARROLL, HARTLEY, HOWARD, ULMER, ZIMMERMAN

ABSENT: HOTTMAN, WEDIN

STAFF: PORT AND HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was approved as written by consensus of the Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no public comments.

**RECONSIDERATION**

There were no reconsiderations scheduled.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. July 27, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved by consensus of the Commission.

**VISITORS**

**STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS**

A. Port and Harbor Director's Reports for August 2011

Harbormaster Hawkins reviewed the staff report. He commented about the Christine K. fire that recently occurred in the harbor. Commissioner Carroll suggested tracking incidents like this and tabulating causes. If there are consistent recurring causes then boat owners should be aware of what is happening, and a drug policy should be looked at as well. If there is a major fire in the harbor it puts a lot of people at risk. Commercial boats have to go to sea with a drug testing kit and if there is an event at sea the test has to be administered.

Harbormaster Hawkins advised that after several extensions the vessel Albert was impounded. He has been contacted by a towing company that they are coming, so it was agreed that the owner will be allowed to remove the vessel but still owe for the back moorage.

B. Lease Committee

There was no Lease Committee report.

C. Port and Harbor Improvement Committee

Commissioner Howard reported about the Port and Harbor Improvement Committee's first meeting, noting that it was mostly an organizational meeting. The meeting synopsis was provided for review.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no public hearings scheduled.

#### **PENDING BUSINESS**

##### **A. 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Plan Recommendations**

There was brief discussion of the recommended projects list from the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. The consensus of the Commission was to forward that list to the City Council as follows:

1. Upgrade System 5-Vessel Shore Power & Water
2. Deep Water Dock Expansion
3. Harbor Float Replacement/Ramp 3 Gangway and Approach Replacement
4. Harbor Entrance Erosion Control
5. Port and Harbor Building

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Memorandum from Port and Harbor Director Re: Alaska Coastal Freight's Barge Ramp Improvement proposal.**

Harbormaster Hawkins reviewed the staff report.

Questions were posed about the process and if there will be containment for the oil on the asphalt until it weathers. Harbormaster Hawkins expected they would. He explained the ramp would be extended down into the minus tides. Kodiak has a ramp like this that is owned by one of the barge companies and Alaska Coastal Freight has used it, which is where they got the idea to do it here. If Alaska Coastal Freight does the improvement there will need to be a memorandum of agreement outlining that it will have to be done to City standards, the City will remain owner of the facility, and would pay him back over time based on wharfage and dockage. Alaska Coastal Freight may also be considering it as a business write off. He noted that it can't be an exclusive use.

The Commission agreed that this is a needed improvement and that a MOA for protection of the City and Alaska Coastal Freight was appropriate.

CARROLL/ZIMMERMAN MOVED TO EXPRESS THE COMMISSION'S SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

##### **A. Weekly Crane and Ice Report**

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- B. Deep Water Dock Report
- C. Pioneer Dock Report
- D. Pioneer Dock Ferry Landings Report
- E. Water Usage 2011
- F. Monthly Statistical & Performance Report
- G. Strategic Plan
- H. Lease Expirations as of 2/17/11
- I. Commissioner Attendance Schedule for City Council Meetings

Harbormaster Hawkins reviewed the memorandum about the proposal for Pioneer Dock West Trestle Parking Improvements for the Coast Guard crewmember parking.

**COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

There were no audience comments.

**COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF**

Harbormaster Hawkins commented that the fall dredging begins next month. He explained the challenges with the having to deal with the increased amount of material. The City doesn't have permits in place at this time for beach re-nourishment and the City will need to advertise for a sale of dredge materials. He explained that he is interested in pursuing help from a firm who can handle the permitting process so it can be completed within the ACOE timeframe.

**COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER**

There was no Councilmember in attendance.

**COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Ulmer thanked Commissioners Howard and Hartley for their participation on the Port and Harbor Improvement Committee.

**COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Carroll suggested it would be a good time to be out in the dredging area with a metal detector.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_